

WATER POWER BILL TO PASS

Amended Measure Up for Speedy Legislation by Congress—Changes in Language Proposed.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Changes in the pending administration water power bill to more nearly express the intent of the legislation were recommended today to Chairman Sims of the house special water power committee by Secretaries Baker, Lane and Houston, who drew the measure. They urged speedy passage of the bill so as to stabilize the power industry generally and encourage the building of extensions to existing projects.

"Water power legislation," said the letter from the secretaries, "should have in view not only the maintenance of the rights of the public in the national resources but also the adequate protection of private capital by which such resources are developed. The bill before you seems to do both. After careful consideration, however, it is believed that certain changes in language could be made which would more clearly express the intent of the proposed legislation.

Conditions Should Be Definite.

"It is particularly important that the conditions which affect the disposition of the property at the termination of the license should be definite, that uncertainties would be reduced to a minimum. If the properties are not taken over, the conditions under which a new license may be secured should be entirely clear. If the properties are taken over the price to be paid should not include alleged values not represented by investment or, on the other hand, require needless amortization of capital during the period of the license in order to protect the investment. It is therefore believed advisable to define in specific language the items which should, or should not enter into the price to be paid."

Definition of Net Investment.

The letter then suggests incorporation in the bill of this definition of net investment, prepared after thorough consideration and after consultation with accounting and banking experts: "Net investment" in a project means the actual legitimate original cost thereof as defined and interpreted in the classification of investment in road and equipment of steam roads, "issue of 1914, interstate commerce commission," plus similar costs of additions thereto, and betterments thereof minus the sum of the following items properly allocated thereto, if and to the extent that such items have been accumulated during the period of the license from earnings in excess of a fair return on such investment: (a) Unappropriated surplus; (b) aggregate credit balances of current depreciation accounts, and (c) aggregate appropriations of surplus or income held in amortization sinking funds or similar reserves or expended for extensions or betterments. The term cost shall include so far as applicable the elements thereof prescribed in the legislation but not including expenditures from funds obtained through donations by states, municipalities, individuals or others."

Water Power Urgently Needed.

Development of water power is urgently needed, the secretaries wrote, if the United States is to maintain its proper place in world trade after the war, or even to supply its domestic needs. It also is necessary in order to reduce the drain on the nation's coal and petroleum supplies, particularly the latter.

"The sinking fund which has been necessary in order to produce the materials and equipment needed in the prosecution of the war," the letter continued, "has placed unprecedented demands upon the electric power industry to such an extent in fact that the output of commercial central stations has increased more than 60 per cent since 1914. This increase has been the greatest in the manufacturing districts in the east, where water power generation is comparatively limited, and has taken place, notwithstanding advances in cost of construction and operation."

"While the form of the bill which has been presented for your consideration is directly concerned with water power development only, an adequate solution of this problem will have a favorable and stabilizing effect upon the whole power industry. Probably no considerable increase in new water power development can be expected immediately, but legislation is urgently needed in order to put existing water power developments, which have been made under inadequate law, into a position of security which will enable them to make extensions and to meet maturing obligations upon favorable terms."

CHANGES IN THE FOREST SERVICE

Amos Davis, forest ranger of the Teton forest has offered his resignation to take effect March 31. He will engage in private business. James S. Hite, it was announced at the forestry service headquarters this morning, has been appointed a ranger on the Weiser forest. Hite resigned from the service last fall, after several years on the Cache forest as a ranger.

RADICAL SHAKE-UP.

BUENOS AIRES, March 2.—On the eve of congressional elections Sunday there are persistent rumors of a radical shake-up in the Argentine cabinet immediately after the elections. All rumors agree that Honorable Pueyrredon, who has been acting foreign minister for more than a year, will be foreign minister.

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YOU'VE SEEN WAR'S HORRORS—NOW LOOK UPON IT'S BRIGHTER PHASES



Countess of Wilton (left) and Mrs. George Foster Earle.

Each is a nurse and each is a moving spirit in entertainments for convalescent soldiers. The Countess of Wilton has been in active nurse service in London hospitals and has arranged many bazaars for soldiers' comfort funds. Mrs. George Foster Earle is nursing in France and sings at concerts she herself organizes for the boys.

HEBER J. GRANT IS TO M. I. A. TO GIVE FINE

DIRECT LIBERTY PROGRAM IN THE FIFTH WARD

Heber J. Grant, chairman of the third liberty loan canvassing committee for Utah, has just returned from San Francisco, where he received final directions as to the organization for the big patriotic drive.

Chairman Grant will have charge of the state executive committee and maintain headquarters at the Commercial club rooms in Salt Lake City. A sub-committee, of which James Fingree of Ogden, will be chairman, will have headquarters at the Weber club in this city.

James K. Lynch, president of the federal reserve bank with headquarters in San Francisco, has confirmed the chairman of the various auxiliary committees of the state as submitted by Chairman Grant. The complete list is as follows:

Beaver, John F. Tolton, Beaver; Carbon, Carl R. Marcuse, Price; Daggett, N. M. Larson, Antelope; Duchesne, Homer P. Edwards, Roosevelt; Emery, Peter Nielson, Huntington; Garfield, J. E. Heywood, Panguitch; Iron, Wilford Day, Panguitch; Juab, G. H. Whitmore, Nephi (east district); Juab, Walter E. Fitch, Jr., Eureka, west district; Millard, Daniel Stevens, Fillmore; Piute, W. E. Bay, Junction; Salt Lake, David McMillen, Murray; San Juan, George A. Adams, Monticello; Sanpete, N. S. Nielson, Mount Pleasant; Sevier, Gus Lewis, Richfield; Summit, W. D. Sutton, Park City; Tooele, C. R. McBride, Tooele; Uintah, L. W. Curry, Vernal; Utah, Arch Thurman, Provo; Wasatch, J. W. Clyde, Heber; Washington, Warren Cox, St. George; Wayne, Sylvester Williams, Teasdale; Boxelder, John D. Peters, Brigham City; Cache, J. W. Funk, Richmond; Morgan, Daniel Heiner, Morgan; Rich, Arch McKinnon, Randolph; Weber, A. G. Fell, Ogden.

PORTERVILLE READY TO ENTERTAIN BEES

PORTERVILLE, Cal., March 1.—Committees of the public organization here, which are in charge of the arrangements for the bees, are ready for the reception of the visitors, the vanguard being expected to arrive tomorrow.

Work was completed today on the diamond at Municipal Athletic field, hotel accommodations have been reserved and committees are at work on a reception and dance, which are to be given for the men next week.

Games which have already been scheduled include a series with the Tulare Merchants, the fastest amateur organization in the San Joaquin valley, one with Visalia, during the convention of the building trades council there and a series with Fresno teams. Others are being arranged as well.

Weather conditions here are perfect, and from this standpoint the visit of the bees this season promises to be as pleasant as was that of last season.

ZBYSZKO-STECHE MAT BOUT A DRAW

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, March 1.—Wladek Zbyszko, the Pole, and Joe Stecher, the Nebraska farmer, wrestled two hours to a draw here tonight.

Yusuf Hussane, the Balank bone-crusher, and Charlie Cutler of Chicago met in the semifinal. Neither obtained a fall, but after thirty minutes of wrestling Referee Roderger Hussane the decision on points.

This was a bout that the fans went wild over, for when the boys weren't wrestling they were fighting. It seemed that Hussane grew very rough as the minutes rolled on and started to man-handle Charlie. The latter, being an old-time battler, sang a few hefty wallop into the frame of Yusuf and hurt his feelings. From techs to headlocks they wrestled and writhed around the ring without a moment's rest.

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DISCLOSES THE HAND OF GERMANY

Documents Made Public Proving Germans Deliberately Made War on France.

PARIS, March 2.—Two historic documents, one showing the German government's determination to force war upon France and the other setting forth the reasons which induced Germany to take Alsace-Lorraine were made public yesterday by Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, speaking at a Sorbonne upon the anniversary of the protest called by representatives of the National Assembly of Alsace-Lorraine against annexation to Germany.

"I will establish by documents," said M. Pichon, "that the day the Germans deliberately rendered inevitable the most frightful of wars, they tried to dishonor us by the most cowardly complicity in the ambush into which they drew Europe. I will establish it in the revelation of a document that the German chancellor, after having drawn up, preserved carefully and you will see why, in the most profound mystery of the most secret archives.

"We have known only recently of its authenticity and it defies any sort of attempt to disprove it. It bears the signature of Bethmann-Hollweg (German imperial chancellor at the outbreak of the war) and the date, July 31, 1914. On that day von Schoen (German ambassador to France) was charged by a telegram from his chancellor to notify us of a state of danger of war with Russia and to ask us to remain neutral, giving us eighteen hours in which to reply.

"What was unknown until today was that the telegram of the German chancellor containing these instructions (terminated with these words: 'If the French government declares it will remain neutral, your excellency will be good enough to declare that we must, as a guarantee of its neutrality, require the handing over of the fortresses of Toul and Verdun; that we will occupy them and will restore them after the end of the war with Russia. Reply to this last question must reach here before Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.'")

What Von Moltke Said.

"That," said M. Pichon, "is how Germany wanted peace at the moment when she declared war. That is how sincere she was in pretending that she obliged her to take up arms for her defense. That is the price she intended to make us pay for our baseness, if we had had the infamy to repudiate our signature as Prussia repudiated hers by tearing up the treaty that guaranteed the neutrality of Belgium."

"Our mortal enemy in the war of 1871, von Moltke, declared on the morning of the treaty of Frankfurt," added M. Pichon on taking up the question of Alsace-Lorraine, "that it would require no less than fifty years to wean the heart of her lost provinces from France."

M. Pichon contrasted the German acceptance then that the provinces were in reality French, with the reiterated pretensions of German statesmen since, especially the assertions of former Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, and the present chancellor, Count von Hertling, that most of the provinces were always German.

The foreign minister made public for the first time the full text of a letter written by William I, the grandfather of the present German emperor, to Empress Eugenie. The letter is dated Versailles, October 26, 1870.

"After the immense sacrifices for her defense," read M. Pichon, "Germany desires to be assured that the next war will find her better prepared to repel the aggression upon which she can count as soon as France shall have repaired her forces and gained allies. This the melancholy consideration alone and not a desire to augment my country whose territory is sufficiently great, that obliges to insist upon a cession of territories that has no other object than to throw back to the starting point the French armies that in the future, will come to attack us."

Bismarck's Conversation.

After reading this passage M. Pichon asked: "Can one better destroy the legend von Hertling tries to establish that the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine had for its origin in the minds of its authors the wish to return to Germany German provinces of which she had been dispossessed by French usurpation?"

This legend, minister pointed out, that Prince von Bismarck, in subsequent conversations with the Marquis de Gabric, the French charge d'affaires at Berlin, confirmed who his sovereign had written in his own hand. M. Pichon then cited the words of Frederick II when entering Silesia: "I take possession first. I shall always find a pretext to prove my right," and M. Pichon added:

"But the rights of the German over our provinces have never been proved by any pedant because it cannot be."

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